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COUNCIL EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN DRUGS ANNOUNCED

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A prestigious six-person panel of medical experts will advise the Montgomery County Council as it moves forward on its plan to give 80,000 County employees, retirees, and dependents the option to buy high-quality, lower-priced prescription maintenance drugs from Canada.

"These distinguished experts will work with the County to ensure that our drug reimportation program delivers high-quality drugs at reasonable prices," said Councilmember Tom Perez. "We are fortunate to have such a broad range of individuals willing to roll up their sleeves and help us move forward."

"This committee's first job will be to work with our County agencies' benefits managers to draw up a 'request for proposal' so that we can get this program out to bid and get the best deal for County employees and retirees," said Councilmember Marilyn Praisner. "These experts, together with others whom we may add to the group in the future, can be enormously helpful."

Heading up the advisory committee to the Council's Management & Fiscal Policy Committee and the Joint Management/Labor Committee on the issue will be Charles Milligan, executive director of a health policy center affiliated with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Mr. Milligan is former state Medicaid director for New Mexico and holds a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California-Berkeley, a law degree from Harvard and a degree in business administration from Notre Dame.

A second member of the committee, Stanley F. Smith, is a registered pharmacist in Maryland, Virginia, and Florida. He has owned and operated six

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retail pharmacies and a mail order pharmacy and served as chair of the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County.

Another member, Dr. Katalin Eve Roth, is Division Director of Geriatrics and Program Director of the Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program at the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates. She graduated from Barnard College, Yale Law School, and Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Thomas O'Toole is Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean of Curriculum at Georgetown University School of Medicine and has specialized in studying homelessness, access to care, and financial barriers among poor and vulnerable population groups.

Dr. Peter D. Fox has been an independent consultant and health services researcher since 1991. He holds a PhD in Business Administration from Stanford, a Masters degree from the School of Management at MIT, and a BA in economics from Haverford College.

Sara Rosenbaum is the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Professor Rosenbaum, who received her law degree from Boston University, served on the White House Domestic Council under President Bill Clinton.

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